Preppy look here

50's fashions return

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The preppy look is here in traditional 1950's tailoring for fall. We are going to see quite a return of the '50's fashions. All of the basics have surfaced--Plaids, argyles, plaids, knee-capping lengths, rich colors, trim skirts, little collars and lots of jackets and sweaters. Knits of all kinds weave through the entire fashion picture.

The emphasis is on freshness and simplicity. Interesting textures, detailing a variety of fabrics tie the looks together. The silouhette is body conscious and easy-going. Short jackets, narrow belts, drop waists, pleats, tucks and shearing draw attention to the waist. Necklines perk up with Peter Pan collars, lace collars that may extend as large as knitted or lace bibs and detailing such as crocheted edges, ruffles, pearl buttons and baby snaps.

Plaids and argyles are the main attraction of the sweater skirt and pants top combination. Pants and box pleated and kilt skirts go the plaid route with sweater sets or shirt and cardigan tops, as well as blazer jackets. Argyle sweaters are paired with solid, herring bone or hound's tooth skirts and pants.

The interest in plaids such as Glenn, Tartan and many variations lead to traditional colorations including navy, green and wine. Gray and camel are the neutrals that are popular this fall. Brights are used as accents and black and white is strong. Soft and muddled pastels alone, or worked together, provide for feminine shading.

Sweater and sweater sets are important with lots of detailing and varied textures. Bulky pullovers and cardigans of all kinds expand choices. Sweaters go from softly feminine to "witty." Pretty looks come in angora blends, lambs wool, mohair, soft alpaca and boucles. They appeal through collar interest and little details. The witty looks incorporate the pictorial jacquards, especially with animal and sports motifs. These are most often found in cotton knits. Sometimes the two treatments combine such as a soft lambs wool or angora blend with a flower, animal or abstract print. Sweater skimps and elongated dress versions go well with leggings.

Pants go to all lengths including walking and bermuda shorts, knickers, culottes that flair just above or below the knee. Lean trousers and roomier full lengths also are on the fashion scene. Some full bodies pants are nipped at the ankle and tied at the waist. The trend is slim lines or stirrup stretch pants.

No-sweat dressing is also taking on new fabrication and details. They are plaid valours and two-toned jerseys. Print or hand painted geometric or abstract designs, snap closures at the neck, shoulder or diagonally add new dimensions to these fabrics.

Man tailored shirts blend with the classic scheme. Sturdy wovens, challis and rayon are popular. Soft styles include frilly schoolgirl blouses, muted hue taffetas or detailed crepe-dechines.

Suits feature narrow jackets over slim or slightly flaired skirts. You will see a number of diagonal closures this year for jackets, dresses and skirts. Dresses are classic with interest on contrasting trim, offset closures and belts.

Soft knit dresses are ruffled and fitted, with feminine touches. Fabrics run the gamut--Wool jersey, polyester knits, wool blend plaids, brushed cotton, rayon crepedechine. Corduroy is popular this year in jackets, skirts and jumpers.

Whatever fabric you choose or fashion for the fall and winter season, be sure that you check carefully the use-care labels because when you invest in a garment, remember that you are going to have to maintain that garment.

Program Opportunities

The Appomattox County Extension Office will be offering the following program opportunities. We wish to remind each of you that all programs, workshops and activities offered by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service are available to all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, nation origin, handicap or political affiliation. Some topics of interest that are upcoming are as follows:

1. Tuesday, August 26, 1980 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Counted Cross Stitch - Please bring Aida or Hardanger cloth or small gingham checked fabric, plus embroidery floss, needle, scissors and hoop are also necessary.

2. Wednesday, August 27, 1980, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - House Plants - No materials and supplies are necessary. Just come and learn the latest information on how to care for and maintain your house plants.

3. Thursday, August 28, 1980, 7:30 p.m. - Interior Decorating. This session will be held at the Carpet House in Triangle Plaza on the Lower Level. No materials or supplies are needed. Just come and learn some of the latest trends in interior decorating.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call us at 352-8244 or write us at P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522. It is always a pleasure to work with you, hear from you and answer your questions.

Have a good week, homemakers!

Good news for homemakers

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Mom's Fresh Cornbread

1 to 2 ears of fresh corn (1 cup)
1 cup cornmeal
½ cup all-purpose flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 Tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 egg, lightly beaten
¼ cup oil
Cut corn off cob; scrape cob with vegetable peeler to remove pulp. Combine kernels and pulp to make 1 cup set aside.
Combine dry ingredients; add corn, egg, and oil, stir well. Pour into a greased 9-in. cast iron skillet or a 9-in square baking pan. Bake 475 degrees for 20-to 25 minutes or until brown. You may also use a muffin pan. If so, reduce cooking time 5-7 minutes.
Many thanks to my mother, Mrs. Philip Williams for sharing this recipe with us.

Happiness is 4-H

Twenty-five 4-H'ers built model rockets during last week's Model Rocket Workshops. The 4-H'ers launched their rockets for the first time on Monday morning of this week at Appomattox Primary School.

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The 4-H Business Management Workshop for Senior 4-H'ers that was cancelled this past Spring has been rescheduled for the weekend of September 27. More details will be available in the near future. Older 4-H'ers who have participated in this workshop in past years have found it to be an enjoyable and educational event.

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We have just reordered 4-H project materials for the year. Hopefully, we'll be able to obtain most of the projects that 4-H'ers request. As always, we'll expect to run out of some projects and have difficulty finding additional copies.

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Fair exhibit time will be here soon. We are looking for the Five County Fair catalogs any day now. Be planning ahead to exhibit as many items as possible. We will be contacting 4-H'ers during the first week in September about arrangements for transporting exhibits to the fair.

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Last year's 4-H projects will be due October 17. All projects turned in will be judged and ribbons awarded. 4-H'ers will receive their projects back in November and December.

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September is re-enrollment month for all 4-H'ers. It is important that all 4-H'ers re-enroll each year. Young people who fail to fill out a new 4-H card are automatically dropped from the mailing list in November. If you should miss a regular meeting or fail to rejoin, stop by our office and fill out a new card.

Important issue

Reforestation

By JAMES A. SMITH
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As one travels about these United States it doesn't take long to find out the forest resources in this country are located in basically two areas, the northwest and the southeast.

With a moderate growth in population, but a huge increase in demand for forest products, what about the future? Forestation is one of the issues most vital to the future of forestry here. Will landowners in the South be able to meet the demand for timber and other forest products by the year 2000? The answer to this question lies in the action that will be taken (or is not taken) by the individual landowner in this decade. It takes about 20 years to grow a product--so obvisously, what we do in this decade will determine the future.

Generally, the most expensive item in a reforestation operation is site preparation. We find that some sites are over-prepared, and there is increasing evidence that some intensive site preparation actually decreases the productivity of the site.

In one study, the hydrologic effects of three methods of intensive site preparation--brush chopping, shearing and windrowing and bedding on contour--were measured at three small watersheds on steep terrain in northern Mississippi. First year sediment losses for the chopped, sheared, bedded and untreated watershed were 5.6, 5.7, 6.3 and .3 tons per acre respectively. Annual sediment losses decreased considerably after the first year.

Short rotation, site preparation with slash burning, and use of the whole tree in precommercial thinnings, understory hardwoods, and cull trees raise some serious questions about possible reduction of nutrients. Because the foliage has the highest nutrient concentration in the tree, particularly of nitrogen, super phosphate and potassium, the use of the entire tree can raise total nutrient removals by 100 percent over stem. These increases are greater when 20-year rotations are used because the foliage is a larger portion of the tree in stands of this age. If you reduce the rotation length to 20 years and use both stems and roots, the yield will be two-thirds greater than that of a 60-year rotation, but the rate at which the site's shortage of 2 billion cubic feet of softwood and by the year 2020, a shortage of 2.5 billion cubic feet. Similar shortages for softwood saw timer are 13.87 billion board feet and 19.45 billion board feet. In 1976, 52 percent of

The South 40

the domestic softwood saw timber came from the Pacific Coast and 35 percent from the South. By the year 2030, the South is projected to supply 53 percent, and the Pacific Coast, 31 percent of the nation's demand.

These figures suggest that South will become the nation's "wood basket." Private landowners hold 71 percent of the commercial timberland in the South. This means they hold the key--they will determine whether the nation's wood needs are met. To meet the need we must regenerate pine lands as they are harvested and reforest to pine land that is in hardwood brush.

My travels in recent weeks over the country indicate a large amount of open land not in production--more than in recent years. There is no pay-off in this management. Why not call Mr. Wayne Bowman at 352-7279 for some help. The Virginia Forest Service and the local pulp companies have many services to offer.

PRECIPITATION
LAST WEEK .20
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USDA proposes extension of tobacco price-support levels

By TOM CONRAD

USDA proposes extension of price support and grades for untied burley tobacco. Producers of burley tobacco would continue to be eligible for government grading and price support on marketings of untied, baled tobacco under a proposal made recently by Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland.

Bergland said the proposal would continue the marketing experiment another year on limited quantities of burley tobacco through the 1980-81 season.

The experiment, including the support prices and grades, was also in effect for the 1978-79 and 1979-80 seasons.

Bergland said under the proposed extension, any producer interested in marketing baled 1980-crop burley tobacco would apply during the period September 2 - October 10 at the U. S. Department of Agriculture's local county ASCS office.

The signup and marketing process is the same as for last year:

--Each producer would be guaranteed price support on the larger of 1,500 pounds or 20 percent of the farm marketing quota.

--Any unwanted quota would be apportioned to producers desiring to sell more than 20 percent of the farm marketing quota from a state pool instead of a county pool.

--Sales opportunity would be available on each sales day.

As part of recent proposal, tobacco graders with USDA-s Agricultural Marketing Service would continue to apply official grades to the limited quantities of untied burley packed in bales during the 1980-81 season.

Comments regarding price support should be mailed to the Director, Price Support and Loan Division, ASCS-USDA, P. O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013. LOOK FOR LIME NEEDS - Your 1981 liming plans should begin now. First among these plans is to correct problem soil fertility conditions. Walk over your fields and look for these problem areas. Look for crops that are stunted. Look for unusual coloring.

In corn fields look for barren stalks, poor kernel development, poor ear size and mis-shaped ears. Look for areas of poor weed control.

In alfalfa fields look for stunted plants, areas that have poor recovery since last harvest. Look for areas where the alfalfa has thinned out. Look for weed areas.

In soybean fields look for stunted plants and poor pod and bean development.

Whatever the crop, look for unusual growth and production. If you can't explain the symptom -- it didn't occur because of drought or poor soil physical condition -- you better get help.

Help begins with a soil test or a plant tissue test. Better yet, it is best to have both.

If the crop problem is due to acid soil, you better act now. If you don't apply limestone this fall, 1981 crops will again suffer. It takes time for limestone to neutralize soil acidity, and the more acid the soil, the longer it can take. Limestone applied in late summer and early fall will have the time needed to have the soil in shape for 1981.

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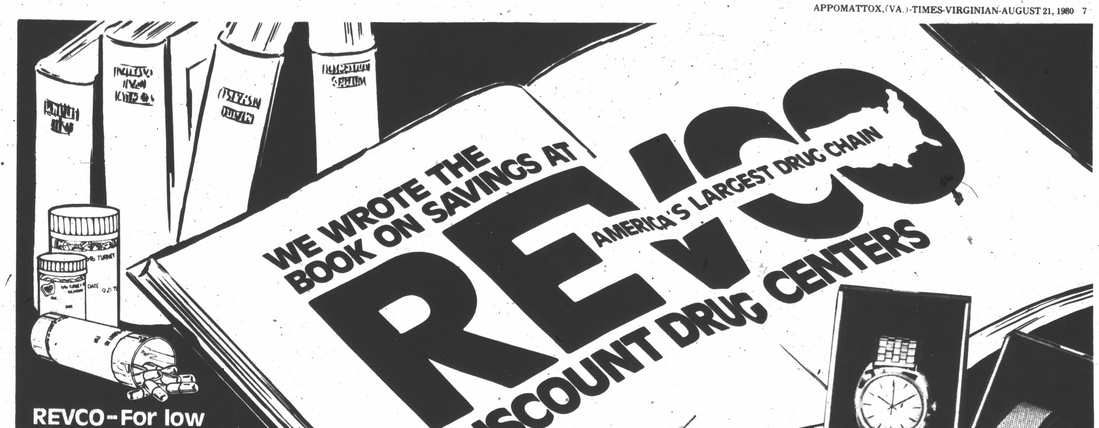

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